(c) whether Government have considered that the setting up of the tallest TV tower at Rameswaram is not likely to be useful for the viewers in view of the larger area being covered by the sea; and

(d) whether Government have any other major plan for the setting up of a TV tower in the middle of Tamil Nadu to cover the majority districts for the benefit of the viewers ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K L BHAGAT): (a) to (d) The Seventh Plan of Doordarshan, *inter alia*, includes schemes for the establishment of high power (10 KW) TV transmitters with transmitting antennae mounted on 300 mt high towers at a number of places in the country including one at Rameswaram. The project at Rameswaram has been approved at an estimated cost of Rs 345.70 lakhs and the transmitter when commissioned into service is expected to provide service within a range of about 140 Kms. The coverage area of this transmitter over the sea is sought to be minimised by a suitable design of the antenna system.

Besides the high power transmitter at Rameswaram, schemes for the establishment of 2 low power (100 W) TV transmitters, one each at Cuddalore and Tirunelveli and 3 transpowers, one each at Udagamandalam, Courtallam and Udamalpet are under implementation in Tamil Nadu as part of the approved Seventh Plan. On commissioning of these transmitters and transposers, TV service is expected to be available to about 88 per cent population of Tamil Nadu and all the districts in the State would then be covered by TV service, either wholly or partially.

Government contribution towards the share capital of N. C. C. F.

*232 SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH.

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently contributed a sum of Rs. 1.10 crore towards the share capital of NCCF;

(b) if so, what are the conditions on which the amount has been released;

(c) whether these conditions have been complied within the stipulated period; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor stating the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The assistance has been sanctioned on the condition that there will be no slippage in sales, economy measures to the tune of Rs. 1 crore would be effected, recovery of Rs 1 crore would be made from sundry debtors account, and utilisation of funds is properly monitored and this assistance is not adjusted against any outstanding bank loan

(c) The conditions at (b) above were stipulated to be implemented in Cooperative Year which was then due to end on 30.6.1989.

(d) Does not arise.

Assistance to Uttar Pradesh for maiptenance of revenue records

*233. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh have sought Rs. one thousand crores from Centre to